

SEE SCRAP IN
PLAN TO CALL
PARTY MEET

Republican Committee is
Not Agreed on Program
to Reorganize.

SOUTH OPPOSING A CUT

Radicals Demanding Conces-
sions That Standpatters Say
They Will Not Allow.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Such mem-
bers of the republican national com-
mittee as have arrived here indicated
almost an even division of sentiment
on questions of party reorganization
which will be taken up at a confer-
ence beginning tomorrow. Forces op-
posed to an extraordinary convention
were lining up against proposed re-
duction of southern representation.
In addition to members of the com-
mittee who expect to speak Ormsby
McHarg has asked for a hearing. It
is understood he has prepared a brief
against the right of the national com-
mittee to call an extraordinary con-
vention.

If the committee decides tomorrow
to call a convention it is highly prob-
able there will be some discussion of
how best to reduce southern repre-
sentation in further conventions. The re-
publican congressional committee has
drawn up several tentative plans for
presentation to the national commit-
tee. The plan which met greatest
favor with the congressional commit-
tee proposes four delegates-at-large
from each state and a number propor-
tioned to the republican vote cast at
the election in 1908 in each congres-
sional district. The plan was dis-
cussed today with favor by some of
the best known on the committee.

Protest From South.
They pointed out since the election
of 1908 there had been a census and
congressional reapportionment in
many states. There are not the same
number of representatives now that
they had that year, and that in
other states democratic legislatures
had made reapportionments. A new
proposal growing out of that plan was
made by several committeemen. It
proposes four delegates-at-large from
each state and one from each congres-
sional district where the republican
vote cast bore a certain ratio to the
total vote. Southern committeemen
object to such a compromise plan.

Among cities contesting for the con-
vention, should the committee decide
to call one, are Philadelphia, Indian-
apolis, St. Louis and Denver. Repre-
sentatives of the latter are on the
ground with a promise of \$50,000.
Charles B. Warren of Michigan,
chairman of the law committee, con-
ferred at the capitol with Senators
Cummins, Nelson, Root and others,
and announced that Cummins had no
intention of demanding that the na-
tional convention should adopt a gen-
eral party platform.

"Cummins does not expect to appear
before the national committee or to
submit further views of it," said War-
ren. "He does not urge that the con-
vention go further than proposed
changes in delegation representation
and party rules."

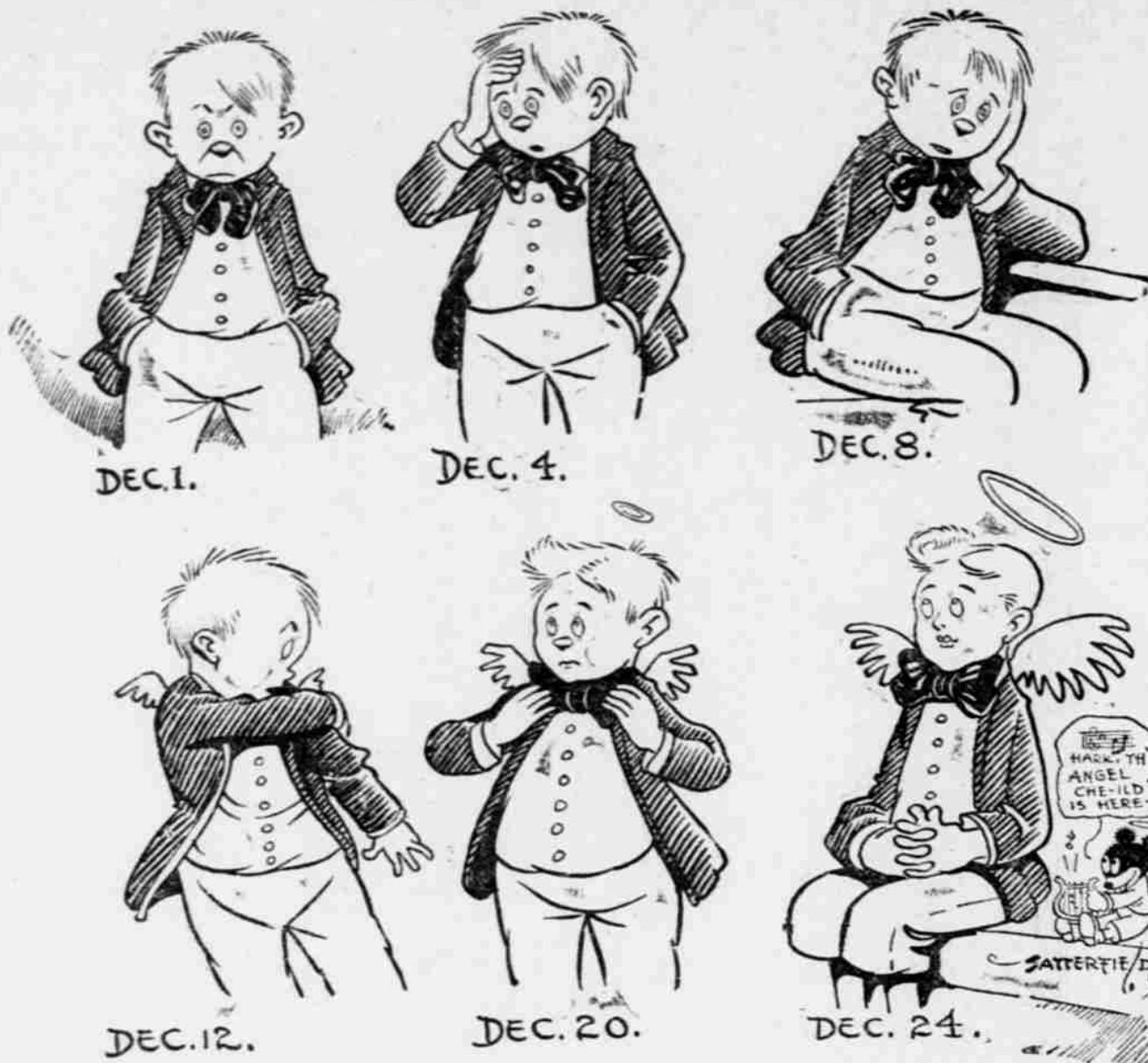
Recognize Primary Laws.
"I will offer a resolution," said
Warren, "providing that in the elec-
tion of delegates to the proposed con-
vention, state primary laws be recog-
nized. This and the fact that the
convention is called for purposes of
reapportionment will show plainly the
attitude of the national committee
in these matters."

Former Governor Hadley of Mis-
souri conferred with representatives of
the "conciliation forces" of the pro-
gressive and republicans. Recognition
of state primary laws and reduction
of representation in southern
states in the national conventions does
not satisfy the more radical forces,
who intend to demand that the con-
vention shall take away from the na-
tional committee its power to make up
a "temporary roll" of the convention
and shall give the republican organ-
ization of each state the right to set-
tle its own delegate contests. That
change and a provision that each
presidential campaign should be run
by a newly elected national committee
instead of by a "hold-over" committee
would satisfy practically all demands
of the so-called progressive republican
forces.

PRESIDENT IS ABLE
TO DICTATE LETTERS

Washington, Dec. 15.—The presi-
dent was declared to be "doing very
nicely" today. He remained in his
room, but took up work for the first
time in several days, dictating several
letters and reading official papers.

A STUDY IN EVOLUTION

MONA LISA THIEF
VICTIM OF SMILE

Tells Police He Stole Painting
Because He Fell in Love
With Face.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Vincenzo Perugia,
the thief who stole "Mona Lisa," Da
Vinci's masterpiece, from the Louvre
in August, 1911, fell a victim of that
mysterious smile which so many
painters and writers have tried to
describe, of which Theophile Gautier
says:

"An invisible attraction draws me
back to thee."

Perugia's story of the theft as told
to the police in Florence recalls in
many respects the theory current at
the time the picture was stolen, as-
cribing to the thief a desire of pos-
sessing this beautiful vision in oil that
he might bathe in the sunshine of her
smile in the privacy of his own room.
Perugia declares that, although his
motive at first was "to secure the pic-
ture for Italy," he later became en-
amored of it.

He told the police at Florence an
amazing story—how he was first in-
duced to steal the picture and how,
once in possession of it, he gradually
fell in love with that mysterious face.
The following is his story:

"My work as a house painter brought
me into contact with many artists.
I always felt that I was one
of them deep in my soul. I spent
many hours in the Louvre admiring
the masterpiece of Italy which never
should have left my native land."

After describing the method of the
theft, Perugia went on:
"I never shall forget the evening
after I had carried the picture home.
I locked myself up in my room and
took it from a drawer. I stood be-
witched before 'Mona Lisa.' I fell a
victim to her smile and feasted my
eyes on my treasure every evening,
discovering each time new beauty and
new perversity in the face. In short,
I fell in love with 'Mona Lisa.'"

In reply to an inquiry why he was
in such a hurry to sell the master-
piece, Perugia said:
"I was anxious to insure a com-
fortable old age for my parents. Be-
sides, I felt that I must tear myself
away from the influence of that
haunting smile. I sometimes won-
dered in the course of those two and
a half years whether or not I had not
better burn the picture, fearing that
I should go mad."

Sig. Corrado Ricci, director of the
department of fine arts, is convinced
that Perugia is playing a part. He
is trying to prove that the man was
induced to steal the painting for greed
of money only.

A close examination of the painting
at Florence has disclosed a slight
abrasion on the cheek and a scratch
on the left shoulder, which were re-
ceived while the picture was in the
hands of Perugia.

Great crowds gathered at the Uffizi
gallery in Florence today, where
"Mona Lisa" was exhibited. Although
strong cordons of carabinieri were
drawn up around the building and
others guarded the entrances and
halls, the struggles of the multitude
to get inside resulted in great disorder.

Soldiers were thrust aside or
knocked down, windows were smash-
ed, and the people swept through, be-
ing forced out of the exits by the
surging masses behind.
In four hours more than 30,000 per-
sons viewed the masterpiece. When

order was partly restored 125 visitors
on the average were admitted every
minute.

LITERACY TEST IS
IN BURNETT BILL

Measure Ordered Reported by
the House Committee on
Immigration.

Washington, Dec. 15.—With an
overwhelming majority in its favor
the Burnett immigration bill, includ-
ing the literacy test, such as voted
by President Taft, was ordered re-
ported today by the house immigra-
tion committee. The committee adopt-
ed an amendment for the deportation
of "any alien who at any time within
three years after entry may be found
in the United States advocating or
teaching unlawful destruction of prop-
erty, the overthrow of organized gov-
ernment or assassination of any pub-
lic official."

That, it was agreed,
would include advocates of sabotage,
anarchists or militant suffragists who
might advocate destruction of prop-
erty. The question of exclusion of
Asiatics was left to the general provi-
sions of the bill relating to require-
ments for naturalization. Asiatic im-
migration will be taken up with the
state department.

Representative Harrison of Missis-
sippi introduced a bill proposing an
international conference to abolish
gambling in food and agricultural prod-
ucts on exchanges.

POLICY RECEIPTS
TAXATION UPHELD

Washington, Dec. 15.—The power of
a state to tax the net receipts of life
insurance companies in each county
was upheld by the supreme court to-
day. The court also upheld the right
of a city to assess paving costs on
land owners according to frontage
or streets improved.

Condition Is Same.

The condition of Henry Stapleton,
who was injured a few days ago by a
fall, still remains about the same and
is very serious. He has shown slight
improvement but will be unable to leave
the hospital for some time.

UNWRITTEN LAW
PLEA SAVES BUCK

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 15.—Everett
Buck, 17 years old, Saturday night was
found not guilty of the murder of Har-
ley Dalton, who was stabbed to death
by Buck at Gilson, Ill., on Aug. 28.
The jury agreed on the first ballot
that Buck had acted in self-defense.
The defendant had pleaded the unwrit-
ten law.

Dalton and Buck were rivals in love.
Buck won the girl's hand, but Dalton
attempted to break up the Buck home
by circulating slanderous stories about
Mrs. Buck. Five weeks after Buck's
marriage, Dalton went to the Buck
home and quarreled with Buck over his
pretended relations with Mrs. Buck
before her marriage. A fight followed
and Buck stabbed Dalton to death.

NO SLEEP STRIKE
A NEW SUF STUNT

Sylvia Pankhurst, Jailed With
Her Mother, Keeps Up a
Continuous Walk.

London, England, Dec. 15.—Sylvia
Pankhurst has added a "no sleep
strike" to the "hunger and thirst
strike" to force prison authorities to
release her. She walks continually.
Friends expect her release shortly. The
police plan to keep her and her mother
in jail until after today's weekly meet-
ing of the Woman's Social and Politi-
cal union.

Militants last night burned down an
empty mansion near Bristol. Another
party broke every window in Rich-
mond police station.
Zelle Emerson, an American suffrag-
et, appeared in police court today
with an arm in a sling. It was badly
wrenched in a scuffle with police dur-
ing a disturbance in the east end last
night. Police testified she smashed a
policeman's helmet with the pole of a
banner she was carrying. She was re-
manded for a week on bail after she
had promised to keep the peace until
the conclusion of her case.

A lumber yard at Devonport and
adjoining property were destroyed by
a fire started by suffragists, who left
a literature reading "Revenge for the
arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst." The scene
of the fire is the spot where militants
awaited the arrival of Emmeline
Pankhurst from the United States,
Dec. 4, when she was arrested. Sylvia
Pankhurst will be released from jail
this evening.

At a meeting of the Woman's Social
and Political Union the president an-
nounced that the following in behalf
of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst be sent
to King George: "In your majesty's
name a noble woman is being done to
death in Holloway jail. We call upon
your majesty to stop this before it is
too late."

GRANTS SPENCER
STAY OF 4 WEEKS

Governor Dunne Allows Con-
fessed Slayer Time to Pre-
pare Appeal.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Governor
Dunne today granted Henry Spencer,
sentenced to hang Friday, a stay of
execution of four weeks, to give time
for an appeal to the supreme court of
the state.

"If Spencer was a rich man he
would not have been even tried as
yet," said the governor, "so I'll grant a
stay."

GRAND JURY CALL
FOR MINE CHIEFS

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 15.—President
Moyer of the Western Federation of
Miners was cited to appear this after-
noon when a grand jury convened to
investigate lawlessness arising out of
the copper miners' strike. The fed-
eration's executive board, organizers
and officials of local unions were also
cited.

REBELS LOSE
1,000 INFIGHT
FOR TAMPICO

Villa's Army, Demoralized
and Out of Ammu-
nition, Retires.

BATTLE ENDED SUNDAY

Federals, Spurred by Success,
to Open Campaign in Region
About Torreon.

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Rebels' loss
in the battle between federals and con-
stitutionalists for possession of the
seaport of Tampico is estimated at
1,000 men, according to a telegram re-
ceived by the minister of the interior
from the governor of the state of Tam-
pico. The last shot of the battle
was fired at 10 Sunday morning, when
the rebels retired, according to the of-
ficial report to the war office. The
rebels are demoralized and short of
ammunition, the report said. The war
department is of the opinion Tampico
is safe against further attack, and the
federals will begin an active campaign
in the region about Torreon. It was
announced an effort would be made to
retake Durango, which has long been
in the hands of the rebels.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 15.—Firing ceased
this morning in the vicinity of Tam-
pico. The rebels retired, evidently to
avoid continuous cannonade of fed-
eral gunboats, according to a wireless
from Rear Admiral Fletcher. The
distance the rebels have withdrawn
was not stated.

Fletcher Reports.
Washington, Dec. 15.—The latest
from Admiral Fletcher is summarized
by the navy department as follows:

"Three p. m., Dec. 13.—Advises that
constitutionalists shut off water sup-
ply of the city."

"Ten p. m.—British cruiser Her-
mione was in river carrying flag of
Rear Admiral Cardcock."

"Noon, Dec. 14.—Conditions not
changed. Ward liner Morro Castle ar-
rived. North wind blowing and until
it moderates will be impossible to
transfer refugees. Constitutionalists
have withdrawn from immediate vic-
inity of Tampico."

"One a. m., Dec. 15.—Conditions not
changed since Fletcher's last dis-
patch."

Rebels Closing In.
Ojinaga, Mexico, Dec. 15.—Only
Americans with special passes were
permitted to cross into Mexico today
because of the closing in of the rebel
forces and the prospect of an attack
on General Mercado's 4,000 federal
troops garrisoned here. Ojinaga, in
the opinion of military men, is virtual-
ly impregnable. Strongly fortified, it
is on top of a plateau 50 feet from
surrounding ground. A victory by the
federals would place them in a position
to attempt to recapture Juarez.

If the rebels win, Mercado's forces will
be forced to surrender or cross into
the United States.

EARTH TREMBLE
WRECKS A TRAIN

Huge Rocks Bury Passenger
Cars in Germany, Killing
Four and Injuring 34.

Chemnitz, Germany, Dec. 15.—A
tunnel eight miles from here col-
lapsed early today during a slight
earthquake. Huge rocks buried a
locomotive and six passenger cars,
causing the death of four persons and
serious injury of 34. Rescue work
was hampered by a hurricane accom-
panied by snow.
Four more corpses were found later.

5 SHIPS IN PORT
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Five Thousand Officers and
Men of Navy in New York
for Christmas.

New York, Dec. 15.—At the end of
a Mediterranean cruise United States
battleships brought to New York to-
day nearly 5,000 officers and men for
an opportunity to spend the Christ-
mas holidays ashore. The Wyoming,
flagship of Rear Admiral Badger,
commander-in-chief of the Atlantic
fleet, and the battleships Arkansas,
Utah and Florida were returning
ships, which were awaited here by the
North Dakota. The ships will prob-
ably remain in New York until after
New Year's. Nearly \$200,000 will be
dealt out by paymasters of the ships
during the week.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.
Not much change in temperature, with
the lowest tonight near freezing.
Moderate southwest to west winds.
Highest temperature yesterday, 45.
Lowest last night, 32. Temperature
at 7 a. m., 34.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., eight miles
per hour.
Precipitation in last 24 hours, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 96; at
7 a. m., 94.

River stage at 7 a. m., 3.6. No
change in the last 48 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn. Morn-
ing stars: Mars, Mercury, Venus. Plan-
et Mars in conjunction with the moon
at 9:57 p. m.

ILLINOIS TO HAVE
GIANT MONUMENT

Building at Springfield Will Re-
lieve Congestion in the
Statehouse.

TO LAY PLANS TUESDAY

Historical Records and Many Other
Relics Are to be Housed in
the Structure.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—Illinois—
through an act of the next legislature
is to erect a great centennial mem-
orial building in Springfield, if plans to
be formulated on Tuesday are fol-
lowed. Dedication of the structure, it
is desired by supporters of the move-
ment, will be a central idea in the
program for the celebration of the
state's one hundredth anniversary in
1918.

The building is to house the state
library, the state historical library,
the natural history museum, the state
historical society, the state memorial
hall with its battle flags and relics of
the wars, and the public archives of
the state. The contemplated cost is
figured around the million dollar mark.
The education building commission
consists of Gov. Dunne, Secretary of
State Woods, State Auditor Brady,
State Supt. of Schools Blair, Dr. Otto
L. Schmidt, president of the state his-
torical society; Dr. Everett B. Greene,
president of the University of Illinois, president
of the board of trustees of the state
historical library, and James H.
Crowder, Illinois department com-
mander of the Grand Army of the Re-
public, and was created by the legis-
lature of 1911 and was recreated by
the legislature of last winter.

Statehouse Too Crowded.

The overcrowded condition in the
statehouse is said to be interfering
with the efficiency of many depart-
ments.

At the solicitation of the education
building commission, Waldo G. Leland
of Washington, an expert architect,
spent several weeks in Springfield
confering with officials and visiting
various state departments, and upon
the information and ideas obtained he
submitted a tentative report for use
of the state architect in preparing pre-
liminary sketches for the proposed
building. While the whole matter re-
mains to be passed upon, tentative
plans provide in a general way for a
three story building covering an ex-
tensive ground area. It is believed
the state already owns sufficient
ground in Springfield to furnish a suit-
able site for the structure.

Construction probably will be in the
shape of a capital letter E, the long
line of the letter forming the front of
the building, with three wings extend-
ing back, one from each end and one
from the middle, so as to admit of
natural light in all departments.

Battle Flags in Rotunda.

It is proposed to devote the central
part of the building to an imposing
entrance and to a rotunda extending
through the entire height of the build-
ing, with galleries around it at each of
the upper floors and terminating in a
flattened dome. Around this rotunda,
in glass protected niches, could be
placed the battle flags which now fill
Memorial hall in the capitol building.

In the galleries around the rotunda,
in the center wing, it is proposed to
devote the first floor to the depart-
ment of public instruction. The sec-
ond and third floors of this wing prob-
ably would be devoted to an assembly
hall for the use of the state historical
society, the academy of science, the
Grand Army of the Republic, and other
organizations.

One of the lateral wings of the build-
ing probably would be devoted to the
state historical library, with offices
and quarters for its associate institu-
tions, the state historical society,
state historical museum, etc. The other
lateral wing would be occupied largely
or entirely by the natural history mu-
seum.

Wholesalers Threatened.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 15.—A general
alarm last night brought the entire
fire fighting apparatus of the city to
the center of the wholesale district,
where the Illinois Warehouse com-
pany's building, at Liberty and Wash-
ington streets, was a mass of flames.
Within fifteen minutes after the fire
was discovered the roof and one wall
collapsed. Several firemen had a nar-
row escape.

SATIRE UPON
PEACE MOVES
BRINGS QUIZ

President Orders Inquiry
Into Events at Army-
Navy Banquet.

300 OFFICERS ATTEND

Cabinet Members Burlesqued
and Philippine Policies Are
Made Light of.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President
Wilson has ordered an investigation
by the war and navy departments of
satires on the administration's Philip-
pine policy, which featured the annual
banquet last Thursday of the Order
of Carabao, an organization of army
and navy officers who have served in
the islands. The president suggested
reprimands for those responsible.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison con-
ferred and called for a statement and
explanation from Rear Admiral How-
ard and Quartermaster General Al-
shire, highest ranking officers at the
dinner. Daniels suggested to Howard
that he decline the presidency of the
order, to which he was elected last
Thursday, and informed him the song,
"Damn, Damn, Damn, the Insurrectos,"
which was sung at the banquet, would
never be sung again under the present
administration with officers of the navy
present.

Wilson Is Indignant.

The president expressed indignation
to members of the cabinet after he
read the published accounts of the ban-
quet. He felt particularly displeased
over the travesty on the adminis-
tration's peace policy and criticisms aimed
at Secretary Bryan, when three six-
foot models of battleships borne by
concealed boys were carried into the
banquet. In the muzzles of the guns
were stuck nosegays and the milk
white dove was perched on each
fighting top. They were named, "U.
S. S. Fellowship," "U. S. S. Friend-
ship" and "U. S. S. Piffle." Another
was a moving picture film of a three-
year pursuit of a Filipino colonel who
time and again escaped capture and
hardly had been apprehended when
he was made governor of a province.
The performance, according to ad-
vance statements, was designed to
show "lack of sympathy for recent de-
velopments and tendencies of the
Philippine government."

Falls Like a Bombshell.

President Wilson himself was not
satisfied, but he made it plain he felt
keenly the burlesques on members
of the cabinet. News of the proposed
investigation fell like a bombshell
in army and navy circles. Three hun-
dred officers were present.

Howard told Daniels they had
sung "Damn, Damn, Damn the Insur-
rectos" for 13 years without objection.
Daniels said the navy was expected to
support, not ridicule, the adminis-
tration's policy.

"I have been instructed by the presi-
dent," said Garrison, "to ascertain the
facts and determine whether there is
warrant for court martial or reprimand."

ATTEMPT TO MAR
MONEY BILL LOST

Senate by Vote of 40 to 35 De-
feats Amendment Offered
by Hitchcock.

Washington, Dec. 15.—By a vote of
40 to 35 the senate defeated the first
attempt to alter the administration
currency bill as framed by the demo-
cratic caucus. It tabled the first
amendment proposed by Hitchcock
which would have fixed the number
of regional banks in the new system
at four and have made the regional
banks publicly owned institutions.

Schmidt Trial Near Close.

New York, Dec. 15.—The prosecu-
tion expected to rest today at the
trial of Hans Schmidt with testimony
of alienists to show the priest was
insane when he killed Anna Amuller.

MICHIGAN LAWYER
IS KILLED IN A FALL

New York, Dec. 15.—Devere Hall,
60, a lawyer of Bay City, Mich., fell
10 stories to death today from his
room in a hotel. He came to New
York two weeks ago with his son,
Ray, for treatment for a nervous dis-
order. It is believed he was seized
with an attack of dizziness while sit-
ting on a window sill.
Bay City, Mich., Dec. 15.—Hall was
one of the state's leading corporation
attorneys. He suffered a nervous
breakdown last August.